

APPENDIX A

(clean version of Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-15 and 17-20 and new Claims 21 and 22)

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1. (Amended) In a gravity-feed towel dispenser for dispensing C-fold and interfolded towels having a transverse length,  $L$ , through an elongated bottom dispensing aperture having a length of  $L$  or greater, said towel dispenser including means for defining a top portion, a front wall, a back wall and a pair of side walls of said towel dispenser, as well as a bottom portion collectively defining an interior for receiving a stack of C-fold or interfolded towels to be dispensed through said aperture, said bottom portion of said towel dispenser defining said elongated bottom dispensing aperture; an adapter plate for securing to said bottom portion of said towel dispenser configured to abridge the length of said dispensing aperture to a length  $L'$  of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent of said transverse length,  $L$ , of said C-fold or interfolded towels.
  2. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 1, wherein the adapter plate is an elongate member with a generally planar medial portion and further comprises a pair of terminal portions projecting outwardly and upwardly with respect to the planar medial portion at each end of said adapter plate, such that the terminal portions are upwardly inclined with respect to the medial portion of the plate.
  3. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 2, wherein said elongated dispensing aperture is abridged to a length,  $L'$ , of about 85 percent of the transverse length  $L$  of said C-fold or interfolded towels.
  4. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 2, wherein the upwardly inclined terminal portions have an angle of inclination of from about 10 to about 30 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the adapter plate.
  5. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 4, wherein the upwardly inclined terminal portions have an angle of inclination of about 20 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the adapter plate.
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7. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 1, wherein said adapter plate is configured to define a central enlarged portion of the dispensing aperture and two restricted terminal portions of the dispensing aperture each of the portions having a span perpendicular to the length of the dispensing aperture.
8. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 7, wherein said enlarged central portion has a span of at least about twice the span of the restricted terminal portions.
9. (Amended) The adapter plate according to Claim 8, wherein the terminal portions of the dispensing aperture have a span of from about 20 to about 40 percent of the width of said interfolded towels corresponding thereto.
10. (Amended) The adaptor plate according to Claim 9, wherein said restricted terminal portions of said aperture have a span of about 30 percent of the width of said interfolded towels corresponding thereto and a collective length of at least about 40 percent of the abridged length  $L'$  of said dispensing aperture.
11. (Amended) A gravity-feed towel dispenser for dispensing interfolded towels of a transverse length,  $L$ , through an elongated bottom dispensing aperture including means for defining a top portion, a front wall, a back wall, and a pair of side walls of said towel dispenser as well as means for defining a lower surface defining a periphery of said dispensing aperture thereby defining said aperture, wherein said elongated dispensing aperture is of transverse length,  $L'$ , of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent of the transverse length,  $L$ , of said interfolded towels.
12. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 11, wherein said means for defining said lower surface about the periphery of said dispensing aperture includes an elongate member with a generally planar medial portion and a pair of terminal surfaces defined thereby which are upwardly inclined with respect to the medial portion of the elongate member.
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14. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 12, wherein said upwardly inclined terminal surfaces have an angle of inclination of from about 10 to about 30 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the elongate member.

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15. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 14, wherein said upwardly inclined terminal surfaces have an angle of inclination of about 20 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the elongate member.

17. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 11, wherein said elongated dispensing aperture is provided with a central enlarged portion and two restricted terminal portions wherein each of the portions of the aperture have a span perpendicular to the length of the dispensing aperture.

18. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 17, wherein said enlarged central portion of the aperture has a span of at least about twice the span of the restricted terminal portions.

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19. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 17, wherein said restricted terminal portions of said aperture have a span of from about 20 to about 40 percent of the corresponding width of said interfolded towels.

20. (Amended) The gravity-feed towel dispenser according to Claim 9, wherein said restricted terminal portions of said aperture have a span of about 30 percent of the corresponding width of said interfolded towels.

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21. (New) In a gravity-feed towel dispenser for dispensing C-fold and interfolded towels having a transverse length, L, through an elongated bottom dispensing aperture having a length of L or greater, said towel dispenser including means for defining a top portion, a front wall, a back wall and a pair of side walls of said towel dispenser, as well as a bottom portion collectively defining an interior for receiving a stack of C-fold or interfolded towels to be dispensed through said aperture, said bottom portion of said towel dispenser defining said elongated bottom dispensing

aperture, said dispenser being of the class that are moved forwardly for reloading; the improvement comprising an adapter plate secured to said bottom portion of said towel dispenser configured to abridge the length of said dispensing aperture to a length  $L'$  of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent of said transverse length,  $L$ , of said C-fold or interfolded towels, wherein the adapter plate is pivotally secured to the dispenser to accommodate reloading.

22. (New) The improvement according to Claim 21, wherein said adapter plate is pivotally secured to the sidewalls of the dispenser.
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